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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR PORTER FROM MCCALL: WILLIAM ARRIVED WASHINGTON
WEDNESDAY NIGHT. STAYED OVERNIGHT WITH LEVITSKYS. PASSPORT
AND VISA WILL BE ISSUED FRIDAY. STAYING WITH FAULKNER
THURSDAY THROUGH DEPARTURE.

2. FOR CINDY SMITH FROM LEN WILLEMS: AFTER YOUR PHONE
CALL, I CHECKED WITH VO, WHO TOLD ME THEY HAD ALREADY SENT
THE AUTHORIZATION FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF THE TRANSIT VISA
FOR MIKHAIL LUBIMOV.

3. DURING AMBASSADOR TOON'S MEETING WITH ASST. SECY. THOMAS,
THOMAS SAID HE WOULD ASK FBO FOR ITS PROCEDURES IN PLANNING
GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY THIS MAY. FBO HAS NOW INFORMED US
THAT THESE EVENTS WHILE SOMETIMES HELD HAVE BEEN STRICTLY
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EMBASSY AFFAIRS, WITH ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE POST.
FBO HAS NOT BEEN A PARTICIPANT NOR DO THEY HAVE APPROPRIATED
FUNDS TO USE FOR THIS PURPOSE. LETTER BEING SENT TO TRACY
FROM GRIMES DESCRIBING SOVIET GROUNDBREAKING AT MT. ALTO.

4. HOUSING: AS AMBASSADOR IS AWARE, WE ARE HOLDING UP
MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR SEWER AND WATER TO THE MT. ALTO SITE

UNTIL WE GET SOME ACTION ON OUR HOUSING NEEDS IN MOSCOW.
WE EXPECT TO GET A BLAST FAIRLY SOON FROM THE U.S. SUB-
CONTRACTOR WHO STANDS TO LOSE IF HIS OPERATIONS ARE
IMPEDED BY LACK OF SEWER CONNECTIONS. WE MAY EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO FALL BACK TO ARRANGING WITH LOCAL UTILITIES TO
HOLD UP ELECTRICITY AND GAS SERVICE AT A LATER DATE, WHICH
WOULD HURT US FIRMS LESS IF AT ALL. TRUST YOU WILL KEEP
US INFORMED OF ANY BREAKS ON THE HOUSING FRONT. VANCE

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